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(54) **Apparatus and method for delivering messages over multiple mediums**

(57) A method of transmitting a data message to a communication device that is configured to receive data through a plurality of communications mediums. The method comprises: assigning a first priority to a first component of the data message and a second priority to a second component of the data message; selecting any one of the plurality of communications mediums that is available for sending the first message component to the communication device; and sending said second component to the communications device if an acceptable medium is available. The acceptable medium is selected from a subset of said plurality of communications mediums, and the subset of said plurality of communication mediums excludes a medium having a higher relative data transmission cost than any of the mediums comprising the subset. The method includes queuing said second component for future transmission if none of said subset of said plurality of communications mediums is available.

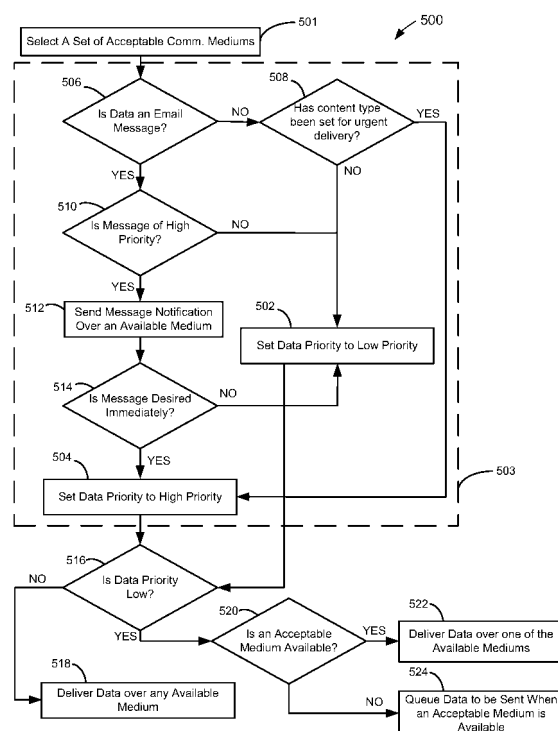


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